



Legislative and Policy Agenda 2010

To ensure that Minnesota policies regarding adolescent pregnancy, prevention and parenting are evidence-based, MOAPPP will advocate for the following in 2010.

Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy and STIs including HIV

Responsible Sex Education

- In partnership with the Coalition for Responsible Sex Ed, introduce legislation to establish responsible sex education standards in public schools.

Protect State Funding Resources

- In partnership with the Reproductive Health Alliance, MOAPPP will work to protect Family Planning Special Projects funding.

Support for Pregnant and Parenting Adolescents

Protect State Funding Resources

- In partnership with the Home Visiting Coalition, MOAPPP will work to protect funding for home visiting services that apply to adolescent parents.

Young Fathers

- In partnership with Minnesota Fathers and Families Network, MOAPPP will educate policymakers about the important role of young fathers and the need for increased support services to improve their financial and emotional involvement with their children.

Protect Existing Services and Rights

Minors' Access to Confidential Health Care

In partnership with the Coalition for Responsible Sex Ed, protect minors' consent statute 144.341.347 to ensure confidential access to sexual, chemical and mental health services for adolescents.

Related Issues

MOAPPP recognizes the vast complexity of policies that work to promote adolescent sexual health, prevent adolescent pregnancy, STIs and HIV and provide support for adolescent parents. Therefore, MOAPPP will also support and monitor the following issues during the 2010 Legislative session:

- Funding and policies that improve access to quality child development for young families
- Access to contraceptives and STI/HIV prevention & treatment services
- Funding for the prevention of sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS
- Funding and policies that support efforts to prevent sexual violence
- Policies that require pharmacies to provide drugs in a non-discriminatory manner
- Access to prenatal care for all pregnant adolescents
- Access to services and programs for youth with special needs, youth in foster care and homeless youth
- Access to stable and affordable housing
- Services that support the mental health of youth
- Adequate Maternal and Child Health funding to ensure support of school-based clinics